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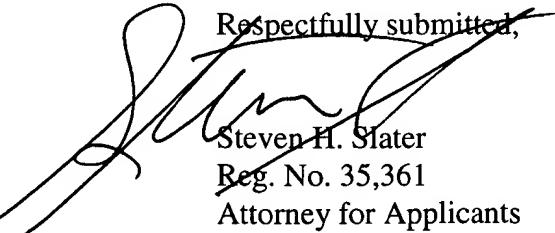
Claims 1-24 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-7 and 10-24 have been allowed and claims 8 and 9 have been objected to. Applicants thank Examiner for the thorough review and examination of the application and for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Corrected drawings are submitted herewith replacing sheets 2, 3 and 6 of the previously submitted formal drawings. It is believed that the corrected drawings fully respond to and overcome Examiner's objections to the drawings.

The specification has been amended to overcome Examiner's objections. More specifically, the specification has been amended to clarify that the terms aperture, aperture plate, and plate are used interchangeably within the specification. No new subject matter has been introduced, as the originally filed specification used these terms to refer to the same structure.

Finally, claims 8 and 9 have been amended to overcome the double patenting rejection by amending claim 8 (and, by dependency, claim 9) to depend from claim 7.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and that all of Examiner's objections have been responded to and overcome. A prompt indication that the present application has been passed to issuance is respectfully requested.



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